

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR EFFECTING
AUTOMATIC TRANSFER OF TELEPHONE CALLS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

For use with call transfer circuitry associated with a central
5 office, an automatic transferring system and method for
automatically transferring a telephone call from a called party to
a subsequent party and a surveying system incorporating the system
or the method. In one embodiment, the automatic transferring
system includes: (1) a call termination detector that detects
10 termination of the telephone call by the called party and (2)
signaling circuitry, associated with the call termination detector
and dissociated from the called party, that, in response to the
termination, signals the call transfer circuitry to transfer the
telephone call to the subsequent party without requiring equipment
15 associated with the called party to cause the transfer.